Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Previously Presented)   A method of operating a push-to-talk service over a mobile wireless communication network, where a user of a mobile wireless terminal may select an automatic or manual answer mode for incoming session invitations for at least some other users, the method comprising the steps of:

including in a push-to-talk session invitation sent from a calling party to a called party, a manual answer mode request requesting said called party to answer an incoming session in said manual answer mode;

upon receipt of the session invitation at a push-to-talk server serving the called party,

determining at said push-to-talk server that said manual answer mode request is included in said push-to-talk session invitation and forwarding the session invitation including the manual answer mode request to the called party regardless of any auto-answer mode setting for the called party stored within said server; and

receiving the session invitation at the called party, and generating an alert at the called party's terminal.

2.   (Previously Presented)   A method according to claim 1, wherein the push-to-talk sessions uses Session Initiation Protocol as signaling protocol, and the invitation that contains the manual answer mode request is one of Session Initiation Protocol INVITE or REFER messages.

3.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the push-to-talk session invitation is forwarded by said push-to-talk server to the called party only following an authorisation procedure carried out by the server.

4.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of carrying out an authorisation procedure at a push-to-talk server serving the calling party, the request only being included in the invitation forwarded to the push-to-talk server serving the called party if said authorisation is granted.

5.   (Previously Presented)   A method according to claim 3, wherein the authorisation procedure is carried out by comparing the identity of the calling party or the called party against a list of identities pre-stored at the push-to-talk server.

6.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of receiving a user prompt at the calling party to request said manual answer mode, and as a result including the request in the invitation at the calling party.

7.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 further comprising the step of including said request at the calling party automatically.

8.   (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said push-to-talk service is a push-to-talk over cellular service.

9.   (Cancelled)

10.   (Previously Presented)   A method of operating a push-to-talk server within a mobile wireless communication network, the method comprising the steps of:
          receiving a push-to-talk invitation from a calling client terminal, the invitation including a manual answer mode request requesting a called party to answer in said manual answer mode,
          forwarding an incoming session request including the manual answer mode request from said push-to-talk server to a specified called client terminal regardless of any auto-answer mode setting for the called client terminal , and

awaiting receipt of an answer message from the called client terminal in response to said called client terminal being alerted of said incoming session request before proceeding with session establishment.

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Previously Presented)   A push-to-talk server for use in a mobile wireless communication network to provide a push-to-talk service to wireless mobile terminals, the server comprising:

an input for receiving a push-to-talk invitation from a first wireless mobile terminal destined for a second wireless mobile terminal, where the invitation may include a manual answer mode request requesting said second wireless mobile terminal to answer said invitation in a manual answer mode;

an output for forwarding a received push-to-talk invitation to said second, destination wireless mobile terminal; and

a processor programmed to determine whether or not said received invitation includes said manual answer mode request and, if so and if an automatic answer mode has been set for the second wireless mobile terminal, overriding the automatic mode setting and forwarding the invitation to the second wireless terminal including the manual answer mode request via said output.

13.   (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 10 wherein said push-to-talk invitation comprises a Session Initiation Protocol and wherein said invitation including said manual answer mode request is a Protocol INVITE or REFER message.

14.   (Previously Presented)   The push-to-talk server of Claim 12 wherein said push-to-talk invitation comprises a Session Initiation Protocol and wherein said invitation including said manual answer mode request is a Protocol INVITE or REFER message.

15.   (Previously Presented)   The push-to-talk server of Claim 12 wherein said output for forwarding said received push-to-talk invitation is performed after an authorization procedure by comparing said first wireless mobile terminal or second wireless mobile terminal against a list of identities pre-stored at said push-to-talk server.

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